GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:458
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2000
EXPORT OF FLOWSERS
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of flowers exported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, State-wise;

(b) the top three companies in the field of export of flowers and the facilities given by the Government to them for boosting exports;

(c) whether the Government propose to construct cold storage near Mumbai Airport for flowers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government are negotiating with Netherlands for increasing export of flowers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.458 FOR ANSWER ON 25.8.2000 REGARDING EXPORT OF FLOWERS.

a) The quantum of flowers exported is not reflected in a uniform unit. Export figures are maintained by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta for the country as a whole and not State-wise. The value of flowers exported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as follows:

Year	Value (Rs.Crores)
1997-98	81.21
1998-99	96.61
1999-2000+	90.63

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta/APEDA, New Delhi.

\+ Provisional

b) The top three exporters of flowers are :
(i) M/s Ramesh Flowers Ltd., Tuticorin
(ii) M/s. Deccan Florabase Ltd. Mumbai and
(iii) M/s. Vasavi Florex Industries Ltd., Bangalore. They have been given financial assistance under APEDA`s schemes for development of infrastructure, export promotion and market development and airfreight subsidy and packaging development to the following extent during the last three years:

Name of the Company	Amount (Rs. Lakhs)
M/s Ramesh Flowers Ltd., Tuticorin	3.00
M/s. Deccan Florabase Ltd. Mumbai	62.35
M/s. Vasavi Florex Industries Ltd., Bangalore	16.68

Source: APEDA, New Delhi.

c) & d) A 70,000 M.Tons capacity cold storage plant over a 2484 sq.mts. area in the Chatrapati Shivaji International Airport Mumbai is proposed.

e) No, Sir.

f) Does not arise.